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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request A20-09139, Dated June 29, 2020, Concerning  
City of Detroit Records Pertaining to BlueLeaks**

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter serves as the City of Detroit's response to the above-referenced matter. Your request was received at the City of Detroit Law Department Freedom of Information Act Section, via facsimile or email, on June 29, 2020. Because your request was received by electronic transmission, pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"), MCL 15.235(1); it is deemed to have been received at the Law Department on the next business day, June 30, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Act, MCL 15.235(2), the City's response is due within five (5) business days. However, due to the nature and the scope of your request and the volume of the requests received by the City, we are extending the City's response deadline by ten (10) additional business days in accordance with Section 5(2)(d) of the Act, MCL 15.235(2)(d). Therefore, your request will be granted, denied, or granted in part and denied in part on or before July 22, 2020.

Recently, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-112 (EO Order 2020-112) in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. EO Order 2020-112 states that "the temporary extension of certain FOIA deadlines provided by Executive Order 2020-38 will no longer be necessary as soon as public bodies have an opportunity to plan for a return to normal FOIA response processes." To this end, City offices are in the process of re-opening.

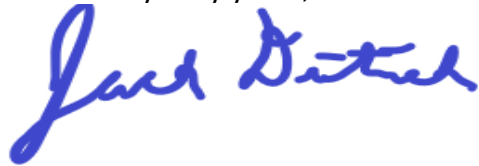
Please note, during the COVID-19 pandemic and the State of Michigan's stay at home order, many City employees have been required to be away from their job locations. While some employees are able to work remotely, others are not. As a result, many records required for an appropriate response cannot be obtained and/or processed during the crisis. While we are continuing to process requests for which we receive records, we anticipate that many of our responses will be delayed. As City offices re-open, more records will be accessible and fewer responses will be delayed. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

If you did not provide an email address in your request, please forward it to me so we can provide you a response more readily than by regular mail or fax. Mail and fax are not preferred at this time since they both require in-office support. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

When contacting our office regarding this request, please include a description of the requested record listed in the subject line above. **For your information, please note that a public** summary of the City of Detroit Freedom of Information Act procedures and guidelines are at [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov) and specifically at <https://detroitmi.gov/document/foia-procedures-and-guidelines> and <https://detroitmi.gov/how-do-i/request-document/foia-freedom-information-act-request>.

Your request is being handled by Karl Newman. Please contact Karl Newman at [newmank@detroitmi.gov](mailto:newmank@detroitmi.gov) regarding your request.

Very truly yours,



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